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SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES IN SHABA

- 1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF MAY 2 CARRIES UNDATED REPORT BY JANE BERGEROL FROM LUANDA ON SHABA CONFLICT WHICH INCLUDES MENTION OF AMERICAN MERCENARIES. REPORT IS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MISSIONARIES EVACUATED FROM SHABA TO LUANDA.
- 2. ARTICLE IS TRONGLY PRO-ANGOLA, PRO-CONGOLESE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT,

WHO ARE CREDITED WITH EVACUATING MISSION-

ARIES. IN NON SEQUITUR AUTHOR FOLLOWS ACCOUNT OF RESCUE OF A GREEK SHOPKEEPER FROM MUTSHATSHA BY ZAIRE MILITARY HELCCOPTER WITH COMMENT"THIS WOULD SEEM TO BEAR OUT THE LIBERATION FRONT CLAIMS

THAT MERCENARIES FROM VARIOUS WESTERN
COUNTRIES INCLUDING AMERICANS ARE FIGHTING WITH THE ZAIRE
FORCES". BERGEROL REPORTED THAT "MISSIONARIES SAID PEOPLE
WERE TALKING ABOUT MORE THAN 200 SUCH MERCENARIES IN KOLWEZI
BUT THEY HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS FROM A DIRECT EYE
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WITNESS, EXCEPT THE CASE OF THE TWO AMERICANS" (OTHERWISE UNIDENTIFIED).

- 3. BERGEROL REPORTED MISSIONARIES HAD SEEN NO CUBANS WITH LIBERATION FRONT FORCES.
- 4. BALANCE OF ARTICLE CONCERNS POOR MORALE IN FAZ,

INCLUDING DESERTION TO LIBERATION FRONT, AND FRONT'S WARM RECEPTION BY PEOPLE OF SHABA.

5. ADDRESSEES PLEASE ADVISE IF THEY WOULD LIKE FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE. SPAIN

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